

## The Grand Boulevard Branch of The Kenwood and Hyde Park Property Owners Association

### Boasts of the Fact that Within the Past Sixty Days It's Narrow Minded, Race Prejudiced Officials and Members Have Prevented Fifty-seven Colored Families from Occupying Homes South of 39th Street

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According to the old Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Real Estate Board joins hands with the officials of the Grand boulevard branch of the Kenwood and Hyde Park property owners' associations, and it is greatly rejoicing over the fact that within the last sixty days that it has prevented fifty-seven Colored families from moving into homes south of 39th street; and it is maintained that the members of the Chicago Real Estate Board urged that every rental agent solicit his clients to become members of organizations like that of the Grand boulevard branch of the Kenwood and Hyde Park Property Owners' Associations.

#### Predict Better Conditions.

"All owners and agents may look forward," the resolutions assert, "to constantly better conditions in real estate. Under present and future prospects there is no justification for either selling or renting to undesirable. Every available flat and house, if put in living condition, is now in demand by good, responsible tenants.

"Certain improvement and owners' associations, like the Kenwood and Hyde Park associations, are doing splendid work to maintain values in their respective districts.

#### Will Guard Investment.

"A small membership fee, paid to a local organization, where every neighbor is doing his share, is the best assurance of realizing a return of profit and value on investment."

The Grand boulevard committee comprises George J. Williams, chairman; George Mayer, Frank H. Morgan, J. W. Dowd, William J. Carney, and L. Seaman.

In reading over the list of the officers of the Grand boulevard branch of the Kenwood and Hyde Park Property Owners' Associations we behold the name of Col. George Mayer, who is one of the head bosses in the County Treasurer's office; he is the same Col. Mayer, if we mistake not, who thought that he was running against Hon. Martin B. Madden for Congressman from the 1st Congressional District in 1918. At that time Col. Mayer informed the writer that he was born and raised in New Orleans, La., that his father and the other members of his family owned slaves; that he had nursed at the breast of his old black mammy; that he had always liked Colored

people, but as he did not look good to us at that time we could not help him out through the columns of this paper and turn our back on Hon. Martin B. Madden. But at that time some of the Colored newspapers in this city ran his cut in their columns and contended that he was a tried and true friend of the Colored race, and that he was by far much better in every way to represent them in the lower halls of Congress than Hon. Martin B. Madden.

In passing it might not be out of place to state that Alderman U. S. Schwartz of the 3rd Ward trains with the members of the Grand Boulevard branch of the Kenwood and Hyde Park Property Owners' Associations, and it will be recalled that not so many years ago that Alderman Schwartz and his brother conducted a little cheap grocery store right in among the Colored people at 35th and Dearborn streets, and they always had their basement filled with real live chickens which they sold to the Colored people at the highest prices, and after they had made the bulk of their money in dealing with Colored people they decided to move away from them, east of State street, and now Alderman Schwartz does not want any Colored people to reside within one thousand miles of him; it makes not the slightest difference how wealthy and highly respectable the Colored people may be.

In our humble opinion the Colored people, like all other people, have the undisputed right as American citizens to buy and reside in homes in any and all parts of this city, and after they lay out their money for a home they should hold the fort against all comers or intruders.

Several times within the past year some fiends of the lower regions who hate to see Colored people live like civilized human beings attempted to bomb the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Binga, 5922 South Park avenue, and the first part of this week a second or third attempt was made to blow up the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clark, 4404 Grand boulevard. Aside from breaking several windows and wrecking the front porch, no one was injured.

It is an outrage and a burning disgrace to our present-day civilization when decent and law-abiding Colored people are subjected to such unspeakable crimes by cut-throats and red-handed murderers.

Democratic and Southern newspapers we anticipate may claim that this is colonization of Negroes for political purposes. We answer by saying that it is not colonization but emancipation, and we are willing to plead guilty to any charge of conspiracy to deliver our people from the bonds of peonage and disfranchisement and social degradation under which they have been held in the Southland since the days of the Hayes-Tilden compromise.

The political dictum of the new Negro is that the ballot and not the sword is the proper instrument for the preservation of political rights, and he now calls upon the Republican party to include a plank in the new party platform in favor of equal political rights and equal protection under the law for all the citizens of the United States of America irrespective of race, color or previous condition of servitude. If the Republican party fail or refuse to take a stand upon these important questions, it is hard to say what the fate of the party will be after 1920.

It is our most earnest hope that the Republican National Committee will permit competent representatives of

our group to sit in with the platform committee and assist in the preparation of the most important political document since the days of reconstruction.

#### PROF. WILLIAM PICKENS COMING TO CHICAGO.

Guest of Clio School of Mental Sciences.

On Thursday evening, January 15, the Clio School of Mental Sciences, 3543 State street, will hold its annual commencement and anniversary exercises in the auditorium of Wendell Phillips High School, 39th street and Prairie avenue.

Prof. William Pickens, famous orator of the race, will deliver the principal address, subject, "Inter-racial Co-operation." A program of splendid, artistic and literary worth has been arranged. Prof. Adena C. E. Minott, principal of the school, assisted by members and friends, are sparing themselves no pains to make the affair a brilliant and record-making event.

Mrs. Irene McCoy-Gaines is chairman of the program committee. Members of the Girls' Patriotic Service League will act as ushers. The general public is invited. Admission free. Reserve seat tickets are being distributed to those who apply for them at the school before Jan. 15. The program will commence promptly at 8:15.

#### FORMER SLAVE HAS EXPENSIVE HOBBIES.

That "it takes many different sorts of people to make up this old world," was brought to our mind by the death in Winona, Minn., this week, of James Wesley Stovall, a former slave. Stovall was a cook in the Union Army during the Civil War after which he lived in Chicago. Later he moved to Winona and made a small fortune in the restaurant business. In his palmy days he bought a lot in Woodlawn cemetery and erected a monument over his grave site costing \$1,000. Stovall, like some others, had another hobby, which was attending presidential inaugurations. He first attended

the inauguration of President Grant and has been present at every inauguration since, until, perhaps, Wilson's he having been blind for several years. He was 82 years old and unmarried. One of the great writers of the present day insists that every man should have some hobby. We'll say that Stovall had his.

#### HE EASILY RANKS WITH THE BEST LAWYERS IN CHICAGO.

Attorney Harris F. Williams, who occupies an extensive suite of law offices on the twentieth floor of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank Building; easily ranks with the best and the most prominent lawyers in this city. Mr. Williams, blow into Chicago many years ago from the "show me state, Missouri" and on arriving in this city, he connected up with one of the leading daily newspapers.

He made a great success in gathering in the news; meeting with greater success in the field of law. For eighteen years, Mr. Williams has been a constant supporter of this paper and his private secretary and stenographer, Miss A. Seips, contends that she never feels right until after she has read the interesting contents of The Broad Ax, each week; that she is thoroughly convinced; that its editor is fair minded in relation to the attitude which the white and colored race should sustain towards each other.

#### COUNTRY NEGROES ADOPT CITY WAYS, PASTOR SAYS.

"The adjustment of the new Negro resident to the life of Chicago is one of the marvels of the city's history," Rev. Frank Orman Beck, director of the Chicago survey of the inter-church world movement, told a conference of white and colored clergymen the first of this week. "The rural, dependent group adopted 'city ways' with a rapidity that surprised even the most optimistic of their own group," he said. The meeting was held in connection with a world-wide survey which is being made.



MRS. FLETCHER DOBYNS.

Prominent social leader on the North Side, chairman of the women's division of the Republican National Committee of Illinois, and she will be in the public eye from now until the close of the presidential election, in November.

#### BLACK MAN SUES WHITE MAN FOR STEALING HIS WIFE'S AFFECTIONS.

New York City.—(Special).—The sequel to the suit of Samuel A. Miller (colored) against Jacob A. Benjamin (white), 342 East Eighty-first street, for alleged alienation of the affections of Mrs. Miller (colored), began two months ago in the Supreme Court, came up last Monday in the shape of an order handed down by Justice Joseph E. Newberger.

Justice Newberger's order recited that, in as much as Benjamin has filed no answer or taken any other step to defend Miller's suit, the latter is entitled to collect damages from him. The court therefore directed Sheriff David H. Knott to empanel a jury to hear Miller's evidence and decide how much he has been injured. Then a report is to be made to Justice Newberger, who will pass on it finally. Miller demanded \$10,000 damages in his complaint drawn by his counsel, John William Smith, 26 Courtlandt street.

#### WOMAN, 99, BORN A SLAVE, DIES.

Mrs. Nancy Greenley, colored, one of the oldest residents of Illinois, died last Wednesday in Kankakee, Ill., at the age of 99 years and 1 month. She was born in slavery at Raleigh, N. C., in 1820. She was a great-granddaughter of Chief Maypox, famous leader of the Pottawatomie Indian tribe. She is survived by four daughters and one son. Mrs. Alvina Bland, a daughter, resides in Chicago.

Miss Nellie Callaway, 1300 Rhoades avenue, who is the leading and the most prominent Colored woman Republican politician in the Second Ward, attended the great Republican banquet at the Congress Hotel Monday evening and the Harmony Love Feast at the Hotel Sherman Tuesday afternoon, and after highly enjoying herself at both functions left Tuesday evening for West Baden, where she will spend ten days' vacation.

Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, Colored Democrat, Has Been Appointed Assistant District Attorney of New York County and Will Receive Five Thousand Dollars Per Year Salary.

Other Comments and Interesting News Items Dished Up by the Newspaper Service Bureau, 305 Broadway, New York.

Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, the colored lawyer of 28 West 137th street, has been appointed assistant district attorney of New York County at an annual salary of \$3,500. This makes two Negroes as assistants in the district attorney's office, the other being Hon. Ferdinand Q. Morton, a Howard man, at \$5,000. It is the first time in the city's history that two colored men at a time have held this important position. Both are Democrats and were appointed by Judge Swan the Democratic office holder as district attorney. Mr. Wheaton is Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the I. B. P. O. E., and is a lawyer of national reputation. He is a graduate of Storer College, W. Va., and a post graduate of the University of Minnesota. He served in the Minnesota legislature from 1899 to 1901 being twice elected in an overwhelmingly white district against a white opponent. Mr. Wheaton was in the last election Democratic nominee for assemblyman in the 21st A. D., but lost to John Clifford-Hawkins, also colored, by three thousand votes. Mr. Hawkins was the candidate supported by the United Civic League. It is anticipated that Mr. Wheaton will be assigned as the assistant district attorney in the Heights Court, which court embraces all the Negro district of upper New York.

Christopher Club of St. Philip's P. E. Church and Spartan A. C. Before the first half had been completed with the score of 14 to 11 in favor of St. Christopher two of the players got into an altercation. Some of the 3,000 spectators took a hand when the melee was over George McDonald, one of the Spartan players was lying in the dust on the Manhattan Casino floor, with a knife wound in his back. Two or three other people had also suffered less serious hurts. Reverend Bishop of St. Philip's vainly had tried to quell the disturbance but to no avail. It was the first time in many, many years that such a scene had happened at this most select of the New York social functions and hundreds of people left the hall in disgust. They had paid to see a basketball game and had witnessed a crime instead. The game was never finished.

In the evening games the Incorporated players played a white team billed as the Cornell Five and the Manhattan A. C. composed of former Alpha players played another white team billed as the Columbia, Jrs. There was no disturbance at these games.

The New York Urban League is holding its second annual conference at the Colored Women's Y. W. C. A. January 13th. Mrs. Katherine Bennett Davis will speak on "The Problems of the City Girl." In the afternoon Miss Nellie Swartz will speak on "The Negro in Industry." In the evening Mrs. Charles H. Roberts and Lewis Harris will speak on "Health and Sanitation." Wednesday the speaker will be Miss Sophie Irene Loeb of the New York World, Adolph Lewis and Dr. Richard Roberts.

It is peculiar to note that among this array of notable speakers the Urban League should include Mrs. Katherine B. Davis. Mrs. Davis while superintendent of the Bedford Reformatory for Women introduced the rankest segregation there although it is expressly prohibited by law and she was also noted for her segregation ideas when she was commissioner of the Dept. of Correction, New York City.

The N. A. A. C. P. held a monster mass meeting at historic Cooper Union last Monday, January the 5th. The principal speaker was Dudley Field Malone prominent radical and former collector of the Port of New York. Dr. DuBois spoke on "The American Congo," Rev. John Haynes Holmes and M. H. Gassaway were also heard on topics pertaining to the advancement of the Negro.

The play at the Lafayette this week is the former Broadway success, "Branded." It deals with the social evil. Miss Abbie Mitchell was the star performer and gave a very creditable interpretation of the leading role. The play will probably be a success.

On the evening of Jan. 2nd a joint conference was held at the Colored Y. M. C. A., by the members or representatives of the prominent Negro civic, literary and religious organizations of New York for the purpose of laying plans to the securing of Madison Square Garden for the holding of a big meeting to urge the proper enforcement of the 13th and 14th amendments. William Preston Moore was in charge of the meeting.

In the New Year's Day race of the South Street Business Association of Philadelphia in the City of Brotherly Love the colored athletes of the St. Christopher Club, New York, captured the prize.

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#### THIRTY THOUSAND NEW NEGROES WILL BE ADDED TO THE REGISTRATION LISTS OF CHICAGO VOTERS.

By Attorney James G. Cotter.

The ballot is the most powerful weapon against wrong, injustice and oppression. The new Negro has begun to realize this fact and we are informed that the poll lists of Chicago will contain the names of 30,000 new Negro voters on February 3rd, registration day.

In many Southern states the Negro is disfranchised. But in the election of Southern Congressmen his vote is counted as if cast in open violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The new Negro resents this form of oppression by leaving the land of Egypt for other sections of the country, where his vote may be cast and counted as cast. To this end, a large number of Negroes will come to Chicago and other Northern cities and vote in the Presidential election, the most momentous election since the days of Abraham Lincoln.